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Dear Michelle,

Of course you're not personally responsible, and probably nobody will read this... but COME ON!

Let's see... hmmm... we'll apply poison (because "long term" damage doesn't concern us) to ALL seeds for sprouting to combat a problem with them that most of us have never even heard of (which points to "not-too-big-a-problem" to deal with effectively with other means). There go another few irresponsible idiots to ruin it for every Farmer's Market and organic grocery store in America.

Why is the intentional poisoning of humans, lakes, streams, fish, aquatic organisms, (and the next level of the chain that eats them, and so on, and so on...) an acceptable method of controlling naturally-occurring organisms? Is there really so little scientific knowledge and creativity, STILL, in our culture (and other industrialized cultures) that we continue to choose blanket chemical warfare as our only alternative? Where is our responsibility towards this tiny planet? Do you have children? Will they or your grandchildren (if not rendered sterile by breakfast, lunch and dinner) wear tumors attractively (with maybe just a dash of makeup) or find Specialty Clothing Stores Unlimited for the upcoming generations of malformed humans? With any luck we'll wipe ourselves out sufficiently so nature can get along with the business of evolving. Our spiritual and logical de-evolution is astounding. We are DEVO.

Do you really think that the farmers irresponsible enough to crank out contaminated food are going to comply with responsibly disposing of their new chemicals? How many times must the people say "COME ON!" Better Living Through Chemicals?

Why don't we just sell "Fun Paks" of sprouts with an attached can of country-fresh Lysol Spray? It would save a lot of money in the long run, and give us the pleasure of slow suicide instead of being murdered by the butter knife of long term exposure.

Our personal plan is to get "back to the land" and raise our own food, providing the government isn't spraying the area of choice with agent orange, or malathion, or paraquat, (gotta keep those Reefer Madness pot-heads under control) so, ultimately, we'll only have to eat poison for a limited amount of time, hopefully just long enough to sprout some hearty limb-like tumors to help us with our farm work. Of course, we'll still have to deal with the logging industry, speed trailers on side roads and the ever-popular sport hunters. Land of the Free to be Ignorant, Home of False Bravado.

I apologize for growers with no conscience. I also apologize for every unconscious atrocity I've ever committed personally, just in case they're a factor in these karmic government decisions. It's all so embarrassing, from a species point of view. We are each ultimately responsible for others' atrocities. The illusion of separateness will wipe us out. Good. Start Over.

I guess I should quit whining. I'm not the one who has to come up with

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Happy ☺ Mail!

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the \$7,200.00 cost per week to grow and sell sprouts.

Thanks to anyone who cares. Please do not reply with a form letter.
Silence would be better.

Sincerely (really),
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